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Kenneth Salazar, Treasurer  
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P.O. Box 101465  
Denver, CO 80250

**Response Due Date:**  
**February 10, 2011**

Identification Number: C00461368

Reference: 12-Day Pre-General Report (10/1/10 – 10/13/10)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 4 items:

1. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than an authorized committee or qualified multi-candidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,400 per election. An authorized committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. A qualified multi-candidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR § 110.1(b), (e) and (k))

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If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount.

Excessive contributions may be retained if, within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive portions are properly redesignated or reattributed. Guidelines for each option are provided below:

For reattributions, excessive contributions from individuals can be retained, if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount is properly reattributed to another person. Please note that reattributions only apply to excessive contributions from individuals. An excessive contribution is considered properly reattributed if (1) the contributors provide the committee with written documentation, signed by each contributor, authorizing a reattribution and indicating the amount of the contribution to be attributed to each contributor, or (2) the committee reattributes, by presumption, the excessive portion of the contribution if the contribution was made on a written instrument from a joint account and was signed by only one of the account holders. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributors in writing within 60 days of receiving the contribution that the committee intends to reattribute the excessive portion and must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(k)(3)(ii)(B))

For redesignations, the funds can be retained if, within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount is properly redesignated for a different election. An excessive contribution is considered properly redesignated if (1) the committee obtains signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) your committee redesignates by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B)) Please note that you cannot presumptively redesignate an excessive contribution from a multi-candidate committee. Also, a contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the

extent that the contribution does not exceed the committee's net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt of the contribution, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks and/ or letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund, redesignate, and/or reattribute of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions received after the primary election that are designated for the primary. These contributions may only be accepted to the extent that the committee has net debts outstanding from the primary election. For more information on how to calculate net debts outstanding, please see page 20 of the Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees, which is available online at <http://www.fec.gov/pdf/candgui.pdf>. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

A contribution is considered made when the contributor relinquishes control over the contribution. A contributor shall be considered to have relinquished control over the contribution when it is delivered to the candidate, when it is delivered to an authorized committee of the candidate, or to an agent of an authorized committee of the candidate. A contribution that is mailed to any of the aforementioned recipients will be considered made on the date of the postmark. Envelopes should be retained for the committee's records. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(6))

If any contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

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If a contribution exceeds the amount of net debts outstanding from the primary election, you may have to refund or redesignate the contribution.

The funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt the excessive amount was properly redesignated for a different election. An excessive contribution is considered properly redesignated if (1) the committee obtains signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) the committee redesignates by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B))

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks and/or letters redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation is received. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or redesignate the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

3. Schedule A of your report discloses contributions from political committees but fails to provide some or all of the contributor information including the complete name, address, aggregate election cycle-to-date total, amount and date of receipt. Note that reporting only the name of the connected organization, abbreviating the name of the committee so it is unrecognizable, or using an indistinguishable acronym is inadequate. A

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listing of the full FEC-registered committee names, FEC Committee ID numbers and approved acronyms can be found on the FEC web site ([www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)) or can be obtained by contacting the FEC Public Disclosure Division. Please amend your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(ii))

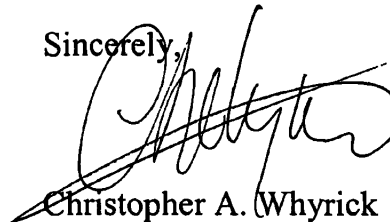
4. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report to clarify the following description: **"Campaign Materials."** For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(4)(A).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register can be found at [http://www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate\\_purpose\\_list\\_3507.pdf](http://www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate_purpose_list_3507.pdf).

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1161.

Sincerely,



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**Excessive and/or Prohibited Contributions  
Buck for Colorado (C00461368)  
12-Day Pre-General Report (10/1/10 - 10/13/10)**

**P = Primary Election  
G = General Election**

CONTRIBUTOR NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION
Binder, Adele	10/8/2010	\$200.00	G2010
Binder, Adele	9/30/2010	\$2,400.00	G2010
Gafner, Barry	9/28/2010	\$1,000.00	G2010
Gafner, Barry	10/13/2010	\$2,400.00	G2010
Isaacs, Vernon A.	9/2/2010	\$1,000.00	G2010
Isaacs, Vernon A.	10/1/2010	\$1,500.00	G2010
Mckowen, John R .	9/15/2010	\$1,000.00	G2010
Mckowen, John R .	10/8/2010	\$2,400.00	G2010
Nottingham, Victor R.	6/8/2010	\$500.00	G2010
Nottingham, Victor R.	4/1/2010	\$800.00	G2010
Nottingham, Victor R.	9/16/2010	\$1,000.00	G2010
Nottingham, Victor R.	10/12/2010	\$1,000.00	G2010
O'hara, Kevin	10/13/2010	\$2,000.00	G2010
O'hara, Kevin	9/16/2010	\$1,000.00	G2010
Scott, Donald	9/27/2010	\$2,400.00	G2010
Scott, Donald	10/12/2010	\$2,400.00	G2010
Snow, Rod	8/12/2010	\$2,400.00	G2010
Snow, Rod.	10/12/2010.	\$2,400.00	G2010

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